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## **GREENVILLE MAN RECIEVES 36-MONTH SENTENCE FOR FAILURE TO RESGISTER AS SEX OFFENDER**

DAYTON - Roger Dale Trent, age 37 of Greenville, was sentenced in United States District Court here today to 36 months imprisonment for failure to register as a sex offender. His sentence also requires him to register as a sex offender wherever he lives for the rest of his life.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and James M. Wahlrab, United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio, announced the sentence handed down today by United States District Judge Walter Herbert Rice.

Trent pleaded guilty on August 1, 2008 to one count of failure to register as a sexual offender under the Sexual Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA). Trent was required to register as a sex offender due to his conviction in 1997 Campbell County, Kentucky, for Second Degree Rape, and his conviction in 2007 in Randolph County, Indiana, for Sexual Battery.

SORNA is part of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act in 2006. The law requires anyone convicted of sex crimes under federal law, or anyone convicted in state court and traveling in interstate commerce, to register with law enforcement agencies where they live, work or are a student. The constitutionality of SORNA was upheld by the Court in this case against a challenge by Trent. See the decision here:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/ohs/Press/TrentRiceDecision.pdf>

A federal grand jury indicted Trent in December, 2007, charging him with failing to register as a sex offender when he moved from Indiana to Darke County, Ohio in November, 2007.

Trent has been in custody since his arrest by Deputy Marshals in December 2007.

Lockhart commended the investigation by the U.S. Marshals Service and Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Clemmens, who prosecuted the case.

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